

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Stamford, on Monday, November 9, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norton Rhoades, at 8:10 P.M. Mr. Rhoades announced that this is the last regular meeting of the Fifth Board.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Rocco D. Nadile, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church

Expression of Sympathy and Tribute to memory of late David Waterbury, former Board member from 8th District

MR. RHOADES: "Before presenting the roll call, the President would like to present a brief tribute to the memory of Dave Waterbury. Dave was one of the first men I knew in Stamford and that was a long time ago. He was not only a son of pioneers. He was in many respects, a pioneer himself.

"He was a lifelong resident of Stamford, a lifelong Republican, a lifelong participant in the Stamford political scene and one of the finest examples of the fact that to be a politician does not necessarily mean that you are not a Statesman too. Dave will be missed very much and this Board wishes to express to his family the deep sympathy which we feel and to tell them again that we will miss Dave very much indeed."

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present and 5 absent at the calling of the roll. The absent members were: Vincent Vitti, Peter Robertucci, Robert Lewis, John Fahey, Anthony Kolich.

RESIGNATION of Robert Lewis, 7th District Representative and replacement by appointment of Mr. George L. A. Day

MR. RHOADES read the resignation of Mr. Lewis, dated October 21, 1959, in which he states that he is resigning to accept an appointment to the Planning Board.

MR. RHOADES explained that it is necessary under Charter requirements that Mr. Lewis be replaced by a Republican from the same District.

MRS. ZUCKERT, Representative from the 7th District, presented the name of Mr. George L. A. Day as replacement for Mr. Lewis, and MOVED for his appointment. Seconded by Mr. Baker.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

VOTE taken on the replacement of Mr. Lewis by Mr. Day. CARRIED unanimously. (Applause)

Mr. Day was sworn into office by Mr. Cushing, Corporation Counsel and assumed his seat on the Board as Representative from the 7th District.

The ROLL CALL was therefore changed to 36 present and 4 absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of October 5, 1959

There being no corrections, the Minutes were APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

3250 MR. RHOADES, Chairman, presented the following report of the Steering Committee:

## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Monday, October 26, 1959

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives was held in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, on Monday, October 26, 1959.

Mr. Norton Rhoades, Chairman, presided. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M.

The following were present: Norton Rhoades, Doris Zuckert, Thomas Topping, Ellis Baker, John DeForest, John Macrides, Rutherford Huizinga. Also present were the following but not as members of the Committee: Gerald Rybnick, Jack Cummings and George Russell.

The following matters were discussed:

- (1) Replacement for Robert Lewis, Republican, 7th District Representative, who has resigned.

It was decided to place this matter first on the agenda for the next meeting, for the reason that Mr. Lewis is now a member of the Planning Board, and under Sec. 707.1 of the Charter, would have to be replaced immediately.

- (2) Appointments to Heating & Air Conditioning Board - Mayor's letter dated October 14, 1959 submitting nominations. REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

- (3) Requests for additional appropriations, approved by Board of Finance on October 16, 1959. Ordered placed on agenda under FISCAL COMMITTEE.

For the reason that the Board of Finance expects to meet Friday, November 6th, just previous to the next meeting of the Board of Representatives, the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee said all items now before the Board of Finance would also be taken up by the Fiscal Committee, to allow them to bring in a report at the next Board meeting so these would not be held up unnecessarily.

- (4) Petition for removal of privately owned bridge on Lenox Avenue

Mr. Topping presented this petition. REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (5) Jurisdiction over Courtland Park - Letter from Mayor dated October 26, 1959 REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

- (6) Petitions for road acceptance - REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (7) Veterans' Day parade and celebration, November 11th, 1959.

This was discussed. For the reason that no request has yet been received from any of the veterans' organizations, it was decided to write a letter, informing them that a petition must be presented to the Board, requesting permission to use city-owned property.

- (8) Request for abandonment of piece of property located on Neponsit Street Contained in undated letter, received October 7, 1959 from the Melfred Development Corp. REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (9) Need for additional manpower in office of Corporation Counsel - Letter from Attorney Samuel Gordon, dated October 15, 1959, addressed to Mayor, Board of Finance and Board of Representatives. REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- (10) Submission of requests for Capital Budget appropriations - Memorandum dated October 19, 1959 from Planning Board, asking that estimates be submitted not later than January 1, 1960, in conformity with Sec. 611 of Charter. ORDERED FILED
- (11) Parking meters along South Frontage Road - Letter dated October 5, 1959 from Fred C. Blois, 6th District Representative. REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (12) Next Board meeting:

The matter of the December Board meeting was discussed and was noted that this Board (the 5th Board) goes out of office on November 30th. It was pointed out, that in conformity with Section 304.5 of the Charter, the Organizational meeting of the Sixth Board (to be elected on November 3, 1959) would necessarily have to be held on the first of December, which falls on a Tuesday, thus bringing the first business meeting of the new Board on the first Monday, which falls on December 7th. Therefore, the first Steering Committee meeting of the new Board would necessarily have to be held directly after the organizational meeting. The various Committees of the new Board would be set up at the organizational meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades, Chairman  
Steering Committee

vf

Re: Next Board meeting (item #12 in above report)

MR. RHOADES: "The matter of the December Board meeting, which I have just read is not what the President said. What he said was wrong. Mrs. Farrell corrected it in the meantime and presented it correctly and it is therefore now correct. It's wonderful to have someone like Velma to handle situations like this.

"But that is correct. The Organizational Meeting of the Sixth Board is on Tuesday, December 1st and the first Regular Meeting of the new Board will be held on Monday, December 7th, with presumably a meeting of the Steering Committee in between."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. DEFOREST, Chairman, presented the Mayor's nominations for appointments, as presented in his letters of September 28, 1959 and October 14, 1959. Mr. DeForest read the qualifications of each appointee. The Tellers distributed the ballots, with the following votes, as tabulated below:

- (1) Building Board of Appeals (As authorized in new Building Code - Ordinance No. 80, amended)

NICHOLAS J. MERCEDE (Democrat) - Term: 2 years, ending 1/1/61  
Wildwood Road

VOTE: 34 in favor

1 opposed

(2) Heating & Air Conditioning Board (As authorized in new Building Code - Ordinance No. 80, amended)Term Ending:

JAMES E. PURCELL (Republican)----- Jan. 1, 1961  
48 Sutton Drive, Glenbrook

VOTE: 32 in favor

2 opposed

JOHN W. McCAULEY (Democrat)----- Jan. 1, 1960  
Morris Street, Glenbrook

VOTE: 35 in favor (unanimous)

JOHN D. MARSTON (Republican)----- Jan. 1, 1961  
69 Nichols Avenue

VOTE: 33 in favor

2 opposed

OLIVER C. MILLS (Democrat)----- Jan. 1, 1960  
100 Hoyt Street

VOTE: 35 in favor (unanimous)

HAROLD E. BISSELL (Republican)----- Jan. 1, 1962  
148 Toms Road

VOTE: 33 in favor

2 opposed

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HUIZINGA, Chairman, presented the report of his Committee. He said a meeting had been held on October 27, 1959. Those present were: Mrs. Zuckert, Messrs. Topping, Wynn and Huizinga. The absent members were: Messrs. Robertucci, Cummings and Kolich.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following request for an additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Macrides, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee to whom this had also been referred. CARRIED unanimously:

- (1) \$8,500. - Corporation Counsel's office - Workman's Compensation award to widow of  
(Mayor's letter of Aug. 12, 1959) Fire Captain George Daily

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following requested additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Macrides, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee to whom this had also been referred. CARRIED unanimously:

- (2) \$23,000. - Corporation Counsel's office - Code 450.60, Settlement of Non-Contract  
(Mayor's letter of Oct. 15, 1959) claims

(Reduced by Board of Finance from \$50,000 requested)



MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following requested additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Macrides, Chairman of the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, to whom this had also been referred. CARRIED unanimously:

- (3) \$10,000. - Registrars of Voters - Code 100.54, Cost of primaries  
(Mayor's letter of Sept. 9, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following requested additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously:

- (4) \$1,600. - September rent - 303 Main Street - For various City offices, listed below  
(Mayor's letter of Aug. 12, 1959)

\$135.00 - Code 100.2 - Registrars of Voters  
980.00 - Code 575.2 - Collector of Taxes  
485.00 - Code 571.2 - Assessor of Taxes  
\$1,600.00

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following requested additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Marciano and CARRIED unanimously:

- (5) \$1,600. - October rent - 303 Main Street - For various City offices listed below  
(Mayor's letter of Oct. 14, 1959)

\$135.00 - Code 100.2 - Registrars of Voters  
980.00 - Code 575.2 - Collector of Taxes  
485.00 - Code 571.2 - Assessor of Taxes  
\$1,600.00

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following requested additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Topping, Chairman of Public Works Committee, to whom this had been referred:

- (6) \$10,000. - Department of Public Works - Code 414F.6, Sanitary Land Fill  
(Mayor's letter of Sept. 16, 1959)

MR. McLAUGHLIN asked how much land fill was used here. Mr. Huizinga replied it was 300 yards a day, at \$1.50 a yard. Mr. McLaughlin said he was wondering how long this was going to be kept up.

MR. CHASE, from the Department of Public Works, was questioned and he replied the latest date of completion was now sometime in February.

MR. McLAUGHLIN said this will probably mean something like an expenditure of around \$30,000 for land fill until the new incinerator is built.

MR. GERONIMO said this would eventually become the parking lot for the University of Connecticut, so every bit of fill would make a better parking lot.

VOTE taken on item (6) above and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Topping, Chairman, Public Works Committee, to which committee it had also been referred. CARRIED unanimously:

- (7) \$4,500. - Department of Public Works - Storm Drain on Lafayette St.  
(Mayor's letter of Sept. 17, 1959)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously:

- (8) \$2,898.73 - Pension - Police Department - For Widow of Captain Harold J. Herbert,  
(Mayor's letter of Oct. 9, 1959) effective Oct. 21, 1959, based on annual pension of \$4,157.50, or 50% of his salary of \$8,315.00

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the following additional appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Sileo and CARRIED unanimously:

- (9) \$2,256.39 - Pension - Police Department - For Patrolman Jeremiah J. Mulreed,  
(Mayor's letter of Oct. 9, 1959) effective Sept. 22, 1959, based on annual pension of \$2,911.49 or 50% of annual salary of \$5,019.74.

MR. HUIZINGA: "That ends my Fiscal Committee report, Mr. President. However, there are certain items which the Board of Finance approved at their meeting on Friday night, November 6, 1959. Obviously, there was no possible chance to hold a meeting of our Committee, or any of the other committees involved, for that matter, before this meeting.

"Someone has suggested that we make the Board a Committee of the Whole in order to act on these matters tonight and get some of these requests for additional appropriations before the Board for a vote. There is one controversial item, I know, and I would suggest, Mr. President, that you refer these items to the Fiscal Committee and to the other Committees involved; call for a ten minute recess, so there can be a short committee meeting. We can then come back with our Fiscal Committee report and ask for the suspension of rules."

MR. RHOADES: "There are several ways in which this can be done. Some of these items are in the nature of an emergency. In most cases the amounts are large enough to require the action of two committees. There has been no possible way in which Mr. Huizinga could hold a Committee meeting, especially when it involved other committees.

"Two ways in which this can be handled are: (1) Is to follow Mr. Huizinga's suggestion to refer them to committees now and call a recess, asking for committee reports immediately after the recess. (2) The other way, which Mr. Huizinga has mentioned, is to form ourselves into a Committee of the Whole and consider them here and then to report to ourselves immediately afterward.

"The Chair will welcome suggestions as to how we should proceed in these items."

MR. NOLAN asked for a reading of the various items.

MR. HUIZINGA read the items involved and explained what they were.

MR. NOLAN said he preferred the Board acting on these items as a Committee of the Whole.

MR. FREDERICKS said he agreed with Mr. Nolan.

The following requests for additional appropriations were approved by the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole:

- (1) \$353,291.50 - Principal & Interest on Bonds for new High School - 1959-1960  
Operating Budget (Deputy Mayor's letter of Nov. 5, 1959)

Code 480.CC-----	\$190,819.50
Code 480.CCI-----	162,472.00
	<u>\$353,291.50</u>

- (2) \$1,600. - November Rent, 303 Main Street - For various city offices as listed  
(Mayor's letter of Oct. 30, 1959) below

\$135.00 - Code 100.2 - Registrars of Voters
980.00 - Code 575.2 - Collector of Taxes
485.00 - Code 571.2 - Assessor of Taxes
<u>\$1,500.00</u>

- (3) \$20,000 - Corporation Counsel's office - Code 450.60, Settlement of Non-Contract  
(Deputy Mayor's letter of Nov. 6, 1959) Claims

- (4) \$2,486. - Bureau of Accounts & Records - Code 482.1 for additional Bookkeeper I  
(Deputy Mayor's letter of November 5, 1959) as of Nov. 15, 1959

- (5) \$5,500. - Board of Recreation - Cost of renovating Old Museum Building  
(Mayor's letter of August 5, 1959)

MR. RHOADES explained that the above matters would have to be voted upon twice - first approved by the Committee of the Whole and again as the Board of Representatives.

The following requests for additional appropriations were then presented to the Board of Representatives by Mr. Huizinga, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

- (1) \$353,291.50 - Principal & Interest on Bonds for new High School - 1959-1960  
Operating Budget (Deputy Mayor's letter of Nov. 5, 1959)

Code 480.CC-----	\$190,819.50
Code 480.CCI-----	162,472.00
	<u>\$353,291.50</u>

MR. HUIZINGA: "This is made up of \$190,819.50 for principal and \$162,472.00 for interest. These items were both included in the Mayor's budget when it was presented to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance deleted these from the Budget. It was brought to their attention by the Commissioner of Finance, that there was a payment due on the bonds in January (interest payment) and another interest payment in July and a payment of principal of \$190,819.50 on July 1. The money has to be there in advance of the July 1st date, so it has to be appropriated within this year. I don't know the reason why the Board of Finance deleted this item, unless it was because they did not believe that the bonds would be sold as quickly as they were. The bonds were sold on July 1; therefore the first bunch comes up for redemption on July 1. Where, if they were sold on August 1, they wouldn't be redeemed until August 1 and therefore could have been held over to the next Budget year. That is the only explanation I am able to give."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (1) above. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously, by a rising vote.

- (2) \$1,600. - November Rent, 303 Main Street - For various city offices as listed  
(Mayor's letter of Oct. 30, 1959) below

\$135.00 - Code 100.2 - Registrars of Voters  
980.00 - Code 575.2 - Collector of Taxes  
485.00 - Code 571.2 - Assessor Taxes  
\$1,600.00

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (2) above. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert.

MR. MACRIDES: "I do feel very strongly that this is a rent which the city should not be paying. I think that something very definitely should be done about it and I certainly hope that sometime in the near future something will be done."

VOTE taken on item (2) above and CARRIED with 1 no vote.

- (3) \$20,000. - Corporation Counsel's Office - Code 450.60 - Settlement of Non contract (Deputy Mayor's letter of Nov. 6, 1959) Claims.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (3) above. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$2,486. - Bureau of Accounts & Records - Code 482.1 for additional Bookkeeper I (Deputy Mayor's letter of Nov. 5, 1959) as of Nov. 15, 1959

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (4) above. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

MR. NOLAN questioned this item. He asked if this person had been hired yet. Mr. Huizinga replied no to this question.

MR. NOLAN: "Is this of such an emergency nature that we have to pass it tonight?"

MR. HUIZINGA: "I was told that it was - that it has been approved by the Personnel Department and that it is one of those things that has been hanging fire for quite awhile, and I believe the individual is all picked out and the work is waiting for him to start on."

VOTE taken on item (4) above and CARRIED by a vote of 27 in favor and 6 opposed.

- (5) \$5,500. - Board of Recreation - Cost of renovating Old Museum Building, Code (Mayor's letter of August 5, 1959) #540.18A

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of item (5) above. Seconded by Mr. Roche.

MR. HUIZINGA: "This was approved by the Board of Finance at their meeting on Friday, November 6th by a vote of five to one, upon the request of the Board of Recreation."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "I understand that this appropriation was requested on August 5th. I have been endeavoring to get some information about it. I have been up to the Old Museum. This is the building the retarded children have been allowed to use by former Mayor Quigley and also by Mayor Givens. When the Board of Recreation was given this building, they were given the front room and upstairs. This large room has been used by the aid for retarded children. They have now been given the conservatory that has a roof that was formerly glass and has been replaced with a plastic roof. It leaks. The floor is a mess and the heating is inadequate. If a new roof is put on, they will have to have windows cut. I would like to see this deferred to find out if some of this money couldn't be used to make the quarters for the Aid to Retarded Children improved. This is badly needed and this is my only reason for asking that this request be deferred in order to obtain more information."



MR. ROCHE said this appropriation was badly needed by the Board of Recreation. He said he was quite sure that everything possible would be done to help the Aid to Retarded Children. He urged that this appropriation be approved.

MR. NOLAN said he thought possibly this should be deferred to the December Board meeting. He referred to the Minutes of October 5, 1959 (page 2686) at the top of the page - Mr. Nilan's remarks: "I would like to have a letter written to the Corporation Counsel, asking him for an opinion as to the status of this park (Courtland Park buildings and grounds - also see page 2684) and if it can be easily transferred from the Park Department to the Board of Recreation....."

MR. NOLAN: "I think this matter should be clarified and looked into by the various committees. I would MOVE that this be kept in Committee." Seconded by Mr. Milano.

A great deal of debate took place at this time. In reference to this matter, Mr. Rhoades read the following letter from the Mayor:

October 26, 1959

Hon. Norton Rhoades, President  
Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

This is to advise you that I have looked into the matter of Courtland Park as to who has jurisdiction over it.

I have been informed by the Board of Recreation that they will maintain the park, as well as the building, just as soon as they take over the offices there.

I trust this will clarify the matter.

Sincerely,

Webster C. Givens, Mayor

Various members expressed the desire to have this appropriation passed at this time and not deferred until a later Board meeting.

MR. NOLAN withdrew his motion to keep this in committee.

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion to approve item (5) for \$5,500 for the Board of Recreation for the cost of renovating the Old Museum Building. CARRIED unanimously.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

MR. BAKER, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said no meetings were held in October, since there were no pending items requiring attention.

Re: East Meadow Urban Redevelopment Area

MR. BAKER said the above matter was not acted upon by the Committee, since it had been deferred by the Board of Finance.

- (1) Action under Chapter 640 of the Charter and Ordinance No. 79 relating to certain private roads, namely: Apple Tree Drive, Boxwood Drive, Holbrook Drive, Pine Tree Drive, Northwoods Road, Pepper Ridge Place, Swampscott Road, Three Lakes Drive, Woodridge Drive South and Bridle Path

MR. BAKER: "Two other matters were cleared with the Committee by a poll of the members." (Referring to above and the next item to follow)

"The Board of Finance in its October meeting, considered this subject, after receiving an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that approval by that Board could either precede or follow the procedure set forth in Chapter 64 of the Charter. It subsequently voted to approve in principle, the petitions of the residents to proceed under Chapter 64 and Ordinance 79, but stated that it would appropriate no funds to cover the necessary work until the roads in question had been accepted by the City. At their November meeting similar action was taken with respect to the other roads referred to it by resolution of the Board of Representatives.\*

\*Note: This refers to Swampscott Road  
and Pepper Ridge Place.

"This procedure has been the subject of much discussion by the Board of Representatives over many months and it would be exceedingly unfortunate if it were not concluded during the term of this present Board.

"The following Ordinance is therefore submitted for final adoption, with a waiver of publication. It has been discussed with the Corporation Counsel and has his approval."

MR. BAKER then read his proposed Ordinance and MOVED for approval, with a waiver of publication. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and Mr. Topping.

MR. RHOADES pointed out that a vote on this motion would require a two-thirds vote.

MR. RUSSELL objected to the last sentence in paragraph (c) and MOVED TO AMEND that it be deleted. Seconded by Mr. Wilensky. Mr. Baker accepted this amendment.

MR. FREDERICKS said he thought the words "are hereby" in the first sentence of paragraph (1) should be changed to read "will be" and MOVED for approval of the change.

MR. NOLAN: "I have a question. It states in the Ordinance proposed by Mr. Baker that the following named privately owned streets are hereby accepted as public streets of the City of Stamford, subject to the conditions set forth below.

"Now, it is my understanding that we would be legally responsible for anything that happened at this given time. In other words, if this Ordinance is passed. I would like to have that point clarified."

MR. BAKER: "It says: '...subject to the conditions set forth below .' and one of the conditions is that they be repaired prior to June 1, 1960."

MR. NOLAN: "Yes, but what happens? They will become public streets."

MR. BAKER: "Contingent upon this repair work being done. There is no deed until the repair work has been done."

MR. NOLAN: "That's impossible. Then, they are NOT 'hereby accepted' are they?"

MR. BAKER: "No, not until the conditions are met."

MR. NOLAN: "Then, in other words, if the conditions aren't met, they will NO LONGER be publicly accepted streets. But, up until that time THEY ARE public streets."

MR. BAKER: "No, No."

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Baker, the Chair thinks there should be some clarification here. Will these streets be legally accepted by the city BEFORE June 1, 1960?"

It was decided to request the Corporation Counsel, who was present, to give an opinion as to how this clause should be interpreted.

MR. CUSHING (Corporation Counsel): "This is rather a quick one, but I am quite familiar with this. I don't like to say this, but I am afraid that Mr. Nolan is quite right. (laughter)

"This can probably be changed by a matter of wording, I think. There are two things involved here. One is taking the land on which these streets lie and the other is accepting them as public streets, which is not necessarily the same thing. By accepting the deed, the land would become land owned by the City of Stamford, but not necessarily a public highway in the sense that the State Statutes mean a public highway that the City has to maintain and, in effect, to which the City is liable. What we are trying to accomplish here is to remove the owners of these streets from the horns of a dilemma on which they are firmly impaled, because of the impossibility of a city performing services on land that is privately owned. This is completely illegal as a matter of Common Law.

"On the other hand, a City by its own laws cannot accept it as a street until it is brought up to meet certain specifications, so the one stops the other from occurring, so here we are at an impasse.

"What we are trying to do here is to solve this by having a deed given to the City, with a reverter clause in it, so that the City becomes the owner as of the date of the deed, subject to being defeated as to title to this land, if the streets are not brought up to minimum standards by the date in the deed.

"When these streets ARE brought up to that minimum standard, the title of the City to the land will then become absolute. Then, we will have streets that CAN be accepted by the Board. This would be the order in which this would go.

"Now, this particular wording here can be solved easily enough by not using the words:

'.....are hereby accepted as public streets.....'

but simply changing this to:

'.....will be accepted as public streets.....'



"Or, to be accepted as public streets AFTER the fulfillment of the conditions."

MR. RHOADES: "Would this, in effect, Mr. Cushing, prevent suit against the City for injuries sustained as a result of holes in the street between now and next June?"

MR. CUSHING: "It would if it were clearly spelled out that they are NOT PUBLIC HIGHWAYS."

MR. RHOADES: "If the future tense is used in this sentence, then there would be no question, in your opinion, as to the City's ownership of these streets?"

MR. CUSHING: "I would, perhaps advise here, a little more notice to the public, because presumably these streets are not going to be closed to the public. Perhaps a notice could be erected saying that they are NOT public streets."

MR. MACRIDES asked if this way of handling the matter would satisfy the Board of Finance. He said: "In the beginning of Mr. Baker's report I remember him saying that they expected the streets to be accepted before they would act on this matter."

MR. CUSHING replied that he attended the Board of Finance meeting at which this particular point was raised. He said: "And, there again, the term 'accepted' was bandied about rather loosely. I think what they really meant was that the City would become the owner of these streets, because the main point raised on this was that we cannot go in on private property to do repair work."

After much discussion, it was decided that by making the suggested changes, it would mean that title was taken to the land on which the streets are situated, but they would not be accepted as public highways until after the provisions are complied with by bringing the streets up to minimum standards for acceptance.

MR. MACRIDES raised the point that by accepting the land and the City doing the repair work on these streets, it would then leave the City wide open to suit.

MR. CUSHING replied that this was true. He said: "Except that repairs to a street made by a private contractor who carries insurance against the possibility of suit avoids this type of thing happening."

MR. CUSHING was asked if there was insurance carried by the City on this sort of thing and he replied: "There is not presently. There is insurance on certain property, such as the Board of Education property, but nothing that would automatically cover this specific sort of thing."

At this point, Mr. Baker said he would accept Mr. Fredericks' motion to amend the first sentence of paragraph (1) where it now reads "are hereby accepted as public streets" to be changed to read:

".....will be accepted as public streets....."

Seconded by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Blois arrived at this time, changing the Roll Call to 36 present.

MR. RHOADES said the vote was now on the adoption of the Ordinance, as amended, waiving publication, which requires a two-thirds vote.



A RISING VOTE was taken on the following Ordinance, as amended by Mr. Russell and Mr. Fredericks, waiving prior publication, and CARRIED unanimously, there being 36 members present and voting:

ORDINANCE NO. 87 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS UNDER SECTION 640  
OF CHARTER AND ORDINANCE NO. 79 SUPPLEMENTAL, TO  
CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. The following named privately owned streets will be accepted as public streets of the City of Stamford, subject to the conditions set forth below:

Apple Tree Drive  
Boxwood Drive  
Bridle Path  
Holbrook Drive  
Pine Tree Drive  
Northwoods Road  
Pepper Ridge Place  
Swampscott Road  
Three Lakes Drive  
Woodridge Drive South

2. The final acceptance of the streets named in paragraph one shall be contingent on the following conditions being fully complied with:
  - (a) A deed, in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel of said City of Stamford, shall be tendered to said City by the owners of said streets.
  - (b) Said streets shall be brought into conformity with the specifications set forth in Ordinance No. 79 of the City of Stamford prior to June 1st, 1960.
  - (c) The total cost of bringing said streets up to the standard specified in paragraph 2(b) above shall be borne by the owners of said streets and paid for by said owners over a twenty year period in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Stamford Charter.
  - (d) In the event the condition set forth in paragraph 2(b) above is not fully complied with prior to June 1st, 1960 with respect to any of said streets, the deed referred to in paragraph 2(a) above shall be considered null and void with respect to the particular street(s) involved and the acceptance of the particular street(s) involved, as set forth in paragraph one above, shall have no force and effect.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

(Note: The underlined words are the ones amended.  
This Ordinance will not be enacted until  
10 days after it is signed by the Mayor)

- (2) Parking Authority - Request in letter of 11/6/59 for permission to acquire, for the sum of \$20,000 land and warehouse located approximately 44 feet on west line of Clark Street, presently owned by the Jemez Co.

MR. BAKER MOVED for suspension of the rules to take up the above matter, which was not on the agenda. Before vote was taken, he read the following letter from the Parking Authority:

November 6, 1959

Board of Representatives  
City Hall, Stamford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

At a special meeting of the Parking Authority of the City of Stamford, attended by Leonard W. Leeds, Chairman, Mr. James J. Healey and Mr. Adolph H. Nelson, the following resolution was made and approved:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Parking Authority of the City of Stamford shall acquire for the sum of \$20,000 from the Jemez Company, the warehouse located approximately 44' on the west line of Clark Street and the land upon which it is built.

The terms of payment is connected with the acquisition of this land and building, herein referred to, shall be \$8,000 upon taking of title by the Parking Authority and \$4,000 annually for a period of 3 years with interest at the rate of 6% on the unpaid balance.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this structure shall be demolished and the land upon which it is built shall be used for parking purposes.

It is further provided in this resolution that this acquisition is subject to the approval of all the Boards of the City of Stamford having jurisdiction therein.

We respectfully request the approval of the Board of Representatives on this acquisition, as required under Sections 583, 584 and 585 of the Stamford Charter.

Very sincerely yours,  
PARKING AUTHORITY

By: LEONARD W. LEEDS, Chairman

MR. RHOADES: "The letter from the Parking Authority, which Mr. Baker has just read, arrived in the office of the Board of Representatives on Friday afternoon, November 6th. The Chair feels that this is pretty short notice."

MR. HUIZINGA: "First, may I ask whether or not this has been approved by the Planning Board?"

MR. BAKER: "Yes, it was approved by the Planning Board at their meeting held November 6, 1959."

MR. BAKER: "For further explanation, this is a C. O. Miller warehouse, just to the right of the entrance road which is known as Clark Street, between C. O. Millers and the Frank Martin Company. It blocks that portion of the parking area which is back of the Raiteri building. They have been losing revenue because a lot of people don't find their way around into those spaces. They have been negotiating for a long period of time to get this property, and it was not until now that the offer was made to sell. It is considerably less than was expected. This does not pledge the funds of the City. Therefore, it requires no action by the Board of Finance." Mr. Baker urged approval.

MR. RHOADES: "This is the purpose for which Mr. Baker has asked for the suspension of the rules to bring this matter up. It is not on the agenda."

VOTE taken on suspension of the rules to consider the above matter. LOST, by a vote of 18 in favor and 18 opposed. Because this needed a two-thirds vote for approval in order to pass, the matter could not be taken up at this meeting, but will have to be held over for the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. TOPPING read his committee report. He said a meeting of the Committee had been held Thursday, November 5, 1959 and the following members attended: Messrs. Nilan, Geronimo and Topping. Absent were: Messrs. Maffucci, Vittti, Ketcham and Marciano.

(1) Cedar Ridge Park Association - Petition concerning drainage

MR. TOPPING read a letter dated August 17, 1959, from the Cedar Ridge Park Association Executive Board. (copies of which were sent to: Mayor Givens, Commissioner of Public Works, Alan Ketcham and Allison Fredericks, 18th District Representative)

MR. TOPPING: "This development met all the requirements of the Planning Board and the City Engineer when it was accepted by the Board of Representatives.

"Since then, various obstructions have been placed in the drains and brooks by various people. Chapter 28, Sec. 28 of our Code of General Ordinances prohibits this. At the present time our City Engineer is proceeding against one property owner who has built a stone wall in the brook.

"This Committee recommends that no action be taken by this Board and I SO MOVE."

MR. MILANO seconded Mr. Topping's motion. CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Keith Street - Concerning letter dated 9/21/59 from Planning & Zoning Director, regarding lack of repairs to city street (Brought up by Mr. Truglia and answering Board's letter of Sept. 17, 1959 requesting an outline of their contemplated plans)

MR. TOPPING read the above letter from the Planning Board Director. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"In reply to your memo concerning contemplated plans that the Planning Board might have for Keith Street, the Board has no particular plans for the street as such, that is related to widening or changing its function from a residential street to a more important thoroughfare.



On the Master Plan recommended function for Keith Street is simply that of a minor residential street, and the Board has no plans to recommend a different category.

"As far as the nine city-owned lots abutting Keith Street are involved, which is the principle concern of your memo, the Planning Board, at its meeting of May 12, 1959 recommended to Mayor Givens that the City not sell these lots, pending recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commissions relative to the possibility of said lots being used for a neighborhood playground....."

- (3) Lawn Avenue - Dangerous conditions (Brought up by Mr. Nolan under New Business at September 14, 1959 meeting - see page 2671 of Minutes)

MR. TOPPING: "New lighting has been planned for Lawn Avenue and will be put into action as soon as the various City Boards approve the money for the new over all lighting of our City.

"The sidewalks will be put in as soon as the housing development now being built is completed and the grading and new sidewalk constructed there. I don't believe that there is any action required of this Board on that one."

- (4) Bridge on Lenox Avenue - Petition concerning removal of privately owned bridge

MR. TOPPING: "A petition from 75 property owners and residents of Lenox Avenue, Midland Avenue and Courtland Hill Street, requesting the removal from City-owned property of this privately owned structure.

"This petition was originally presented to the Mayor on September 23, 1959 and the Flood and Erosion Control Board on September 28, 1959. No action having been taken by the responsible City officials, it has now been presented to the Board of Representatives for their action.

"It was recommended by the Public Works Committee that the following resolution be sent to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel, requesting that they immediately take the necessary legal action to have this privately owned structure removed from City property. To allow it to remain on City property creates a dangerous precedent."

MR. TOPPING MOVED for the adoption of the following Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Marciano.

Mr. Topping was asked to explain more about the background history of this bridge.

MR. TOPPING: "This bridge leads from Lenox Avenue to a gravel pit located in Darien. The owner of the gravel pit established this bridge some 35 years ago, with the permission of the residents of Lenox Avenue. In other words, when he wanted to open that gravel pit, the town of Darien would not allow him to come into Darien, so he approached the property owners on Lenox Avenue and asked them if they would kindly allow him to build the bridge and the bridge would be in existence for about ten years. At the end of that time, the pit would be exhausted and he would remove the bridge. The bridge that he built was washed out in 1955. The present owner immediately rebuilt another bridge just north of the original bridge, and that bridge is still located on City-owned property.

"Now, the owner of the gravel pit pays absolutely no taxes in the City of Stamford.



The 15th District is a par 7½ residential district and yet, having this bridge there has created a very bad traffic hazard, a dust hazard, because there are these large dirt carrying trucks using our residential street all day long. The residents have put up with it, as I say, for about 35 years and at the present time they are fed up with it and want this bridge removed. That is the reason for the petition that was presented to the Mayor, signed by 75 property owners on Lenox Avenue, Courtland Avenue and Courtland Hill."

Mr. topping was asked if the owner of the bridge paid taxes to the City of Stamford.

MR. TOPPING: "No sir, the man pays no taxes to the City of Stamford. Therefore, as I look at it, and I believe that the Corporation Counsel would support me in this, that as the man is neither a property owner or a taxpayer in the City of Stamford, the City has no obligation to him."

MR. CONNORS asked if the owner had access to his property through Darien.

MR. TOPPING replied that there was the possibility of access from Darien.

MR. CONNORS: "If he is left without access to his property, this will probably end up in court, isn't that right?"

MR. TOPPING: "I imagine it will end up in a court proceeding anyway, in order to establish the legality as to whether he's on city property or not, legally."

VOTE taken on the following resolution as presented by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 312

CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF A PRIVATELY  
OWNED BRIDGE LOCATED ON EASTERLY END OF  
LENOX AVENUE OVER NOROTON RIVER

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford request the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel of the City of Stamford to immediately take all necessary action to have the privately owned bridge located on the easterly end of Lenox Avenue over the Noroton River, removed from City-owned property.

A survey made by the Engineering Department of the City of Stamford shows this privately owned structure to be entirely on City property. To allow this structure to remain on City-owned property establishes a dangerous precedent.

- (5) Requested abandonment of piece of property located on Neponsit Street (In undated letter received Oct. 7, 1959 from Melfred Development Corp.)

MR. TOPPING: "This is a letter from the Melfred Development Corp., West Hill Road, Stamford, Conn., and addressed to the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn.

"It concerns Lot #A on Neponsit Street:

"Gentlemen:

I hereby make formal request for the abandonment by the Board of Representatives of a piece of property located on Neponsit Street and defined as dedicated for road purposes on Map #5372 of the City of Stamford Land Records. Said property is owned by the Melfred Development Corp.

"Trusting that this matter will meet with your favorable action, I remain

Very truly yours,

MELFRED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By: Lawrence Dimerov

"The Public Works Committee investigated this and our Committee recommends that this piece of property be held for possible future connection with property to the south. In other words, it can be used for a possible continuation of Kramer Road and Acquila Road."

MR. TOPPING MOVED for denial of this request and that this road not be abandoned. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. TOPPING: "That is the end of my report, Mr. President. If I may take a moment - at this time I would like to thank the members of my Committee for their faithful work of the Board that they have performed on my Committee, and also, I would like to say to the other members of the Board that I have enjoyed working with you. We've had our fights, but we've always been able to get together."

MR. RHOADES: "The President proposes to allow some 15 minutes at the end of the meeting for farewell speeches, including his own. We'll get to them at that time."

#### HEALTH & PROTECTION:

##### Re: Traffic Light on Corner of Manhattan & South Pacific Streets

MR. MARCIANO: "Tonight marks the 23rd month since I stood before this Board and asked for help on a very dangerous corner in our City. We still have received no traffic light after this Board recommended that a traffic light be installed at this corner. I wouldn't feel right in leaving this Board without having a last say in regard to this traffic light which is so sorely needed. I only hope that those who are responsible for this light hear me tonight and do something before we have loss of life on that corner. Thank you."

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL read his Committee report. He said a meeting of the above committee was held on Friday, October 30, 1959 with the following members present: Messrs. Murphy, Wilensky and Russell; Mr. Marciano and Mr. Fahey being absent.

- (1) Final adoption of Ordinance, changing name of section of Old Logging Road to Gary Road (Note: See page 2683 of Oct. 5, 1959 Minutes)

MR. RUSSELL: "Although we are ready to present this Ordinance for final adoption, since our Committee met, we have received some correspondence, and would like to

talk over what the committee intends to do in the event we have to change it or not. I would therefore like to refer this back to Committee for another month."

MR. RHOADES: "It does not require a motion, Mr. Russell. As Chairman, you have a right to keep it in Committee."

MR. RUSSELL: "The next item I wish to take up is listed as #3 on the Agenda."

(2) Acceptance of roads as City streets:

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following roads as City Streets. He said all the roads had been certified for acceptance by the City Engineer in his letter of November 6, 1959. Mr. Russell's motion was seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously: (All Maps referred to are filed in the Town Clerk's Office)

CEDAR CIRCLE: Extending northerly from Cedar Heights Road to and including a permanent turnaround. Length 300 ft., width 30ft., as shown on Map #6031.

CLUB ROAD: Extending easterly and southerly from the already accepted portion (Which point is 418 ft. east of Malvern Road) to another previously accepted portion of Club Road. Length 1,993 ft., width 30 ft., as shown on Map #6383.

GARY ROAD: Extending westerly and northerly from Lolly Lane to already accepted portion. Length, approximately 2,000 ft., width 27 ft., as shown on Map #6550. (Note: With this acceptance, Gary Road will be an accepted City street from Scofieldtown Road to Katydid Lane.)

HEMLOCK DRIVE: Extending northerly from Wyndover Lane to already accepted portion. Length, approximately 450 ft., width 30 ft., as shown on Map #6250. (Note: Road will now be accepted from Pond Road to Wyndover Lane)

IDLEWOOD DRIVE: Extending easterly and southerly from the easterly line of Idlewood Place a distance of approximately 825 ft. to already accepted portion, width 30 ft., as shown on Map #6524. (Note: With acceptance of this portion of the street, it will be accepted from Little Hill Drive to Berrian Road.

LOCUST LANE: Extending easterly from Bedford Street approximately 460 ft., to and including permanent turnaround; width 20 ft., as shown on Maps Nos. 2524 and 6348.

(Note: In regard to above road, the City Engineer recommended its acceptance to prevent the road from deteriorating beyond acceptable condition.)

MR. RUSSELL said that all petitions for road acceptance must be presented to the Board before the end of October and there are some that have not yet been approved by the Committee because of certain changes that still have to be made, but when these are done, the roads will be brought before the Board for acceptance at that time. However, he said, these roads are completed.

(3) Proposed amendment of Ordinance No. 59 Supplemental, concerning Section 4, governing release of performance bonds upon presentation of a Work Guarantee or Maintenance Bond (Ordinance No. 54 in Ordinance book, amended)

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee is ready to present the proposed Ordinance for publication, which will clarify and set in motion the method to be used for a Maintenance Bond (work performance guarantee), to be placed in effect at the time the Board accepts roads as City streets, and at which time sub-division Performance Bonds would be automatically released by the Planning Board.

"Your Committee offers, for publication, the following amendment to Section 4 of Ordinance No. 59 Supplemental - "Release of Performance Bonds".

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that Section 4 of Ordinance No. 59 Supplemental be amended to read as follows: Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

SECTION 4. Release of Performance Bonds. No performance bond shall be released by the Planning Board until the street or streets covered by said performance bond have been accepted by the Board of Representatives and a proper bond has been furnished for the maintenance of said street or streets for a period of two years in accordance with specifications approved by the Planning Board, except that in the case a developer desires to continue the street or streets in a private status, it will be necessary, before final approval of the subdivision by the Planning Board, for the developer to assure the Planning Board, in writing, that each deed to every lot in the subdivision will contain an agreement to the effect that the purchaser understands that the street upon which his lot abuts is to be kept a private street, in which case prior acceptance of said street or streets by the Board of Representatives shall not be a prerequisite for release of performance bond. The form of this bond shall be as follows:

STREET AND SUBDIVISION WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Stamford, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, as PRINCIPAL, and \_\_\_\_\_ of said Stamford as SURETY, are holden and stand firmly bound, jointly and severally, unto the CITY OF STAMFORD, a municipal corporation of the State of Connecticut, located in Fairfield County in said State, in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, (15% of subdivision Performance Bond) to be paid to said City of Stamford, to which payment well and truly to be made, we, the said obligors, do bind ourselves and our respective heirs, executors and administrators and each and every of them, for an in the whole sum aforesaid, firmly by these presents.

Signed with our hands and sealed with our seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 19\_\_\_\_.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas (Principal) has entered into an agreement with the CITY OF STAMFORD for the grading and construction of highways, installing of adequate drainage and storm sewers, setting of street line monuments and street signs at locations indicated by the City Engineer of said City of Stamford on a project known as \_\_\_\_\_ and shown on a certain map entitled "\_\_\_\_\_", which map is to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said City of Stamford, and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions of the said bond was that such installations and work performed would be completed in accordance with the standards and specifications of the City of Stamford and which said standards and specifications require the furnishing of a bond to keep



the pavement and drainage on the said streets in repair and in good and serviceable condition for a period of two (2) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden principal shall and will keep and maintain the said pavements and drainage in repair and in good and serviceable condition for the said period of two (2) years from and after acceptance of said streets by the Board of Representatives, \_\_\_\_\_ and at all times during said period shall and will make any and all repairs to said pavements that may be necessary during the said period to keep the same at all times in good and serviceable condition; in the manner and at the times and upon the conditions set forth in accordance with the specifications and provisions of the ordinances of the City of Stamford, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

In the event the said Principal and Surety do not keep and restore said pavements and drainage to good and serviceable condition, the City of Stamford shall have the option 60 days after notifying the parties hereto of such intent to enter upon the aforesaid premises and restore said pavements and drainage to good and serviceable condition, at the expense of said parties hereto. The right to enter upon said premises for such purposes is hereby granted to the said City of Stamford.

In addition to the other remedies provided herein, in the event that the parties hereto shall fail to restore said pavements and drainage to good and serviceable condition within sixty (60) days after the City of Stamford shall have notified said parties of its intent to enter upon the premises for the purposes of completing such construction, said parties shall pay the said City of Stamford in any action to enforce the provisions of said bonds an amount equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of said bonds as liquidated damages for breach thereof, together with the reasonable attorney's fees of the said City of Stamford.

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
Title (Principal)

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
Title (Surety)

#### PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, read the report of his Committee. He said the Committee met on November 6, 1959, with Messrs. Sileo, Wynn and Kelly present; and the Supt of Recreation, Edward Hunt also present, to explain certain problems in connection with his department.

MR. KELLY: "Our report on Courtland Park was already read and action has been taken on it. There is one other item under 'Petitions' which I would like to bring up now. The Veterans Day Committee failed to get in their request to hold their annual Veterans Day Parade in time for the Steering Committee, due to a change of officers and the lack of knowledge being passed on to the new slate of officers, so it therefore becomes necessary for your Committee to ask for suspension of the rules in order to bring it before the Board."

MR. KELLY MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up the following request. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously:

PETITION NO. 263 - Veteran's Day Celebration and parade - November 11, 1959

MR. KELLY: "I was contacted by 'phone by the General Chairman, Robert Grogins, of the Veteran's Day Celebration for permission to hold the parade. He had already received permission from both the Fire and Police Departments and was informed that he would have to have the consent of the Corporation Counsel to pass on the necessary bonds and insurance coverage. I then contacted the President and Majority Leader. The President contacted the Minority Leader and they all approved the request."

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above petition. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. DeVito asked to be excused at this time and before he left was granted permission by the President to say a few words.

MR. RHOADES: "Ladies and gentlemen. Mr. DeVito has been in an accident, and should not have been here tonight. He should, rather, be home in bed. He is leaving and would like to say a few words before he goes."

MR. DEVITO: "I would like to say that I have enjoyed being on this Board for the last two years and getting to know the fine people on it." He commended the President for the fine job he has performed as President and said he thought no other member could have done as well. (applause)

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. MACRIDES presented his committee report and said a meeting of his Committee had been held on November 4, 1959, with Messrs. Murphy, Cullen, Maffucci and Macrides attending.

(1) Wright Technical School - Appraiser's Report

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee has received no further word with reference to a report of the appraisers of Wright Technical School. I wonder if at this particular time the Deputy Mayor can give us any word on this matter."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I don't know a thing about it."

(2) Need for expansion of City's Legal Department to protect against litigation  
(In letter dated Oct. 15, 1959 from Attorney Samuel Gordon, warning about dangerous situation caused by lack of manpower in Legal Department)

MR. MACRIDES: "The Committee feels that there is great merit in the subject matter of Mr. Gordon's letter and that it is deserving of fuller consideration than we, as the retiring Board, could properly give it. We would, therefore, hope that the Education Committee of the new Board will take this letter under consideration, together with a consideration of the need for additional secretarial help in the office of the Corporation Counsel, even as it is presently constituted. One girl, even as competent as is the present Secretary, is utterly insufficient for the task."

MR. GEORGOULIS spoke briefly on item (1) above - (Wright Technical School - Appraiser's Report) He objected to the fact that no report has been forthcoming on this matter. He asked that another letter be sent to the Mayor, requesting that the appraiser's report be forwarded to this Board in time for the next Board meeting (on December 7, 1959).

MR. RHOADES: "Is that a motion, Mr. Georgoulis?"

MR. GEORGOULIS: "Yes sir."

MR. GEORGOULIS' motion was seconded by Mr. Milano and CARRIED.

Re: Special Committees of the Board:

MR. RHOADES stated that all Special Committees would come to an end with the final meeting of the Fifth Board and if any of them were to be revived it would necessarily have to be decided by the new Board coming into office December 1st.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. NOLAN, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held on October 28, 1959, at which time Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Greenbaum were present, representing the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

Re: Urban Redevelopment Commission - East Meadow Street area - Sale of property  
(As requested in Mayor's letter of Oct. 16, 1959)

(Note: This was deferred by the Board of Finance on Oct. 16, 1959 and again on Nov. 6, 1959)

MR. NOLAN: "The Committee considered the three items referred to the Committee, as contained in the Mayor's letter of Oct. 16, 1959. The Committee will not seek action on these items as two are not ready for final approval and one has been deferred by the Board of Finance.

"The Committee feels that action must be taken at the next regular meeting of the Board. It would be the recommendation of the Committee that the Urban Redevelopment Committee be reinstated at the outset of the Sixth Board of Representatives.

"It is felt that the continual progress in the sale of the land in the East Meadow Street Project should not be hindered and that any time lapse would not be in the best interests of redevelopment in Stamford."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

Re: Parking meters along South Frontage Road (Letter dated Oct. 5, 1959 from Fred C. Blois, 6th District Representatives)

MR. BLOIS said the meters along South Frontage Road remain empty day after day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Re: Care of Veterans' Graves (See page 2600 of June 1, 1959 Minutes - Letter sent to Mayor at that time, informing him of State Statute governing appointment of three veterans as a Commission to see that veterans' graves are properly taken care of.)

MR. BLOIS: "In a couple of days we will be honoring our veterans. I think it is time that we started honoring them a little further by cleaning up their graves - their final resting places." Mr. Blois asked if there had been any reply to the letter sent to the Mayor and was told no reply had yet been received. Mr. Blois said he had a letter from the Graves Registration Officer, covering three pages, in which he gave the various locations of veterans' graves.



MR. RHOADES suggested that perhaps the new Board could pursue this matter further and take care of the setting up of a three man Commission, as provided for in the statutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. RHOADES spoke briefly at this time. He extended his thanks to the Board members for their fine cooperation in making the Fifth Board one that will be remembered as a Board that has a right to be proud of its record. He said: "I believe that the City of Stamford has had good government on both the administrative and legislative level." He extended special thanks to Mrs. Farrell, the Board's Secretary; Wayne Tyson, Stamford Advocate reporter, for accurate, factual reporting, with no editorial comment; and to Claude Dixon, radio reporter, for dignified reporting of the meetings.

MR. RHOADES: "The broadcasting of our meetings have attracted a large audience, I have been told. I believe this is true, from the reports I have had from many people who listen regularly to our meetings. I think this justifies the feeling of the Steering Committee that it would be a good idea to have our meetings broadcast.

"I shall be glad, at the December 1st meeting, to turn this gavel over to the new President of the Board." Mr. Rhoades gave a brief history of the gavel. He also suggested to any newly elected members of the Board who might be listening to the broadcast, that very real rewards can be found in public service. He said the outgoing members of the Board feel they have enjoyed working as members of the Board and that they have contributed to a worthwhile cause.

MR. RUSSELL also spoke in thanks to the members of his Committee, who have worked together in harmony.

MR. FREDERICKS thanked the members for help given him as Minority Leader, and during his six years on the Board.

Several of the other members spoke in brief thanks to the members of their Committees and for the cooperation of other Board members.

MR. NOLAN, as Majority Leader, said he wished to congratulate Mr. Rhoades for his splendid job as President of the Board. He said: "I must say that Mr. Rhoades has been eminently fair; he has treated the Democrats and the Republicans with the greatest consideration and kindness." He said that many of the members leaving the Board would be missed very much.

MR. KELLY thanked Mrs. Doris Zuckert for her work on the Board, and said he was sorry that she would not be on the Sixth Board. He said he hoped that her usefulness would not be wasted and that she would become a member of one of the other Boards of the City.

MR. BAKER: "I have had the pleasure, this term, of working on the Legislative and Rules Committee, the Charter Revision Committee, Urban Redevelopment Committee, Steering Committee and the Personnel Board of Appeals. The association which I have had in working with the other members of this Board is one that I will long remember. I have made a lot of real, true friends and I am going to miss working on this Board." He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Farrell for her help with the work of his Committee and MOVED for a rising vote of thanks to Velma Farrell for her work. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously. (applause)

MR. BAKER; "I would like to extend to the incoming Board the best of success in all their undertakings. If I can be of any assistance to the new Board in giving them background information on things that may carry over from this Board to the

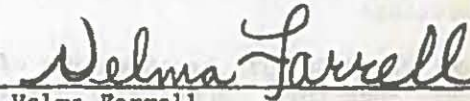


new one, such as the Sewer Code portion of the Building Code, and so on, I shall be very glad to extend whatever assistance I can."

MR. RHOADES: "With this outgoing Board, we have finished a decade of the Board of Representatives."

MR. BAKER MOVED for adjournment at 10:45 P.M. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Velma Farrell,  
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Norton Rhoades,  
President